

Karo Echo General Meeting 8/13/2018  
Call to order @19:36

11 total members present (KK6NDF Hal, NI6A Don, KM6HBO Jamuel from Executive Comm present)

#### Old Business Items

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0. KM6HBO Jamuel motions to approve meeting minutes from previous meeting, K6RJM Rob 2nd. All in favor 11, Opposed 0

1. KK6NDF Hal is getting a version of a certificate for KF6GHX Ginny Sumner certificate of appreciation

2. Equipment list; need volunteers to manage and maintain the list

Colusa Circle antenna

Tassajara Clubhouse antenna install; waiting for permission to install; EC City permission for KE/CERT access under consideration.

K6RJM Rob volunteered to manage the equipment and list

3. Portable Go Kits; NI6A Don: enclosure need to be drilled and connectors added to exteriors for antennae feed line and power poles; NI6A Don will be the temporary custodian of the kits until a permanent storage location can be found. Station 71 vs Station 65 considered for storage. 65 might be better since KE already has access to the storage locker

4. KE Newsletter. NI6A Don is looking for someone to partner with him on publishing the newsletter. He is effectively retiring from newsletter work. KE needs a replacement asap. For now send all news items to NI6A@arrl.org

10/13 is a CERT City-wide All Hands Meet and Greet. Currently only 2 Areas are committed to participating. KK6NDF Hal is suggesting that there should be a radio section

5. Recruitment. Ham Cram. NI6A Don and KM6HBO Jamuel agreed to partner on putting the event. NI6A Don is currently an ARRL VE and KM6HBO Jamuel committed to become a VE as well. KE needs 2 more VE's to provide enough people to do the testing. KI6KNP Janes can provide the room for the Ham Cram. VE's need to be one grade higher than the test they are grading (i.e. § 97.509 Administering VE requirements -- General can give Tech, AE can give Tech, General or AE, Tech can't give any). Date TBD Winter 2019.

6. EC9 will run a CERT drill with emergency communications. Date is Saturday Sept 15. All other areas are invited to observe. Being run by KM6CXI Mike and KI6KNP Janes along with CERT AC KM6UBZ Marlene Keller. CERT AC's will have a pre-drill prep meeting on 15 August at Station 72

7. KE SET -- KE6BEE Howdy, K6RJM Rob, KM6HBO Jamuel, NI6A Don have agreed to participate. More info TBD

The SET will occur on a Saturday. There was discussion whether or not to combine it with the September 15 CERT drill in EC9 or to do it independently on a following weekend

#### 8. Announcements:

a.) KJ6WSS Jay - 4C's tower is being renovated. Tower is currently in his workshop. Thanks to KE6BEE Howdy for helping come and clean up the site. Last Saturday/Sunday took the tower down on Sunday. Currently going for modification, re-fabrication, etc. Re-plating soon. Current calls into the repeater maybe quite scratchy as it's currently only on a 10ft pole which is lashed to a chain link fence listing at about 20 degrees.

Thursday from Noon to 3pm concrete pouring expected. Jay could use help. Please call him if you are available to help out. There should be an open house once the project is completed.

b.) KK6NDF Hal reports KI6KNP Kevin Janes was sent today to the Oregon fire. His availability for KE concerns will likely be in question for the next few weeks as his previous deployment was 2 weeks.

c.) KK6NDF Hal reports KCC (Kensington Clubhouse) has been determined seismically unsafe and not ADA compliant. Retro work will begin 11/1 (or as late as 1 January depending on contract completion) and beyond potentially 2 - 3 months until the work is completed. KE will need a new meeting place in the interim. KI6KNP Janes will likely find KE a place to meet during construction.

KE will need to remove the radio and potentially the antennae at the KCC. KE needs to decide whether or not the antennae needs to be relocated or can stay. Date for removal TBD. Radio gear can be relocated STN 65 storage locker.

d.) KE6BEE Howdy Goudey has volunteered to become Net Manager. KE6BEE Howdy would like folks to volunteer for NCS duties. He's also looking for suggestions on training exercises for the Thursday night training net.

9. Fire Safety Patrol. El Cerrito website has a signup for red flag warnings for us locally. Best resource to get just the local RF warning days. Hal says that its good advertisement for KE by publicizing the KE fire patrols.

#### New Business Items

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1. KE has open ExComm positions: needs a new volunteer secretary and treasurer

KK6GIO Larry Vanselow has volunteered to assume the treasurer position on the Excomm.

2. Constitution Revision Committee. In order to change the constitution and bylaws must be made by the CRC and submitted to the membership for review and approval. Members present agreed that this seems like a good process.

Training Session led by NI6A Don

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Simulated Emergency Testing (SET) discussion  
KE SET would involve a simulated earthquake

NI6A Don led, a discussion that provided an overview of the FEMA/NIMMs and ARRL/ARES training mechanisms and critiqued ICS-213 and ICS-309 forms, while comparing them with more relevant formats that support efficient and accurate message handling for radio amateurs in the field. NI6A Don indicated that IC 100, 200, 700, and 800 were geared toward in-house FEMA operations; but had little utility for radio operators in the field. Our mission was reiterated as providing local support for Kensington and El Cerrito neighborhoods and specifically CERT.

At 21:04 NI6A Don motioned to adjourn the meeting, K6RJM Rob 2nd. All in favor 10, Opposed 0 (1 member left early).

Minutes submitted by Jamuel, KM6HBO